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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	York
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JAN 18 1974

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
The (Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library) *use both names*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
U. S. Custom House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Kennebunkport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
1st: Hon. Peter N. Kyros

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: York CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Library</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Kennebunkport Library Association

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Kennebunkport STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
York County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Alfred STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

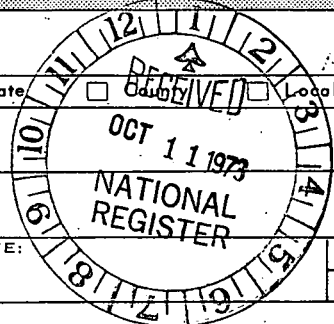
DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Graves Memorial Library, formerly a bank and a custom house, is situated on Main Street, Kennebunkport, in the midst of a fine nineteenth century neighborhood. Erected in 1813, the library is a handsome example of Federal style commercial architecture. The building is rectangular, has a granite foundation, two stories of brick, and a hipped roof. The facade has four windows and a doorway on the first floor. The doorway is placed asymmetrically in the second bay from the left. A flight of granite stairs lead to the door. The doorway enframing and six-panel door are wood, while the arched fanlight above the door is glass with delicate mullions. The one window to the left of the doorway and the three to its right each have six-over-six sash, arched brickwork above them and wooden shutters to either side. A row of five identical windows with the same treatment appear across the second story facade.

The left wall of the Graves Memorial Library has no windows on the first story and only two on the second, one on either side of the location of a chimney which projects above the roofline. The right wall possesses two windows on each story. Like the left wall, these are spaced on either side of a brick chimney which stands above the roof. The side windows are identical in treatment to those on the facade. At the rear of the building are located two compatible one story brick additions dating from 1921 and 1956.

The Graves Memorial Library is in an excellent state of preservation on both the exterior and the interior. The latter displays simple Federal style woodwork. Throughout its long history as a bank, a custom house, and a library, the building has retained its early nineteenth century integrity, while adopting to the needs of its community.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1813-15**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Former U.S.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Custom House</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, formerly a U.S. Custom House, is both architecturally and historically significant to the town of Kennebunkport and to the State of Maine.

Built between 1813 and 1815 by the Kennebunk Bank of Arundel, this lovely Federal style structure has been a familiar landmark in Kennebunkport since its construction. It was built by the bank and the first floor was used as a bank until 1831 when the charter of the bank was revoked. On November 23, 1832 the building was purchased by the government for permanent use as a U.S. Custom House. The Customs service had been using the building since 1815 with their offices located on the second floor.

By an Act of May 10, 1800, Kennebunkport became headquarters port for the District of Kennebunk, which included the ports of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells. From 1800 to 1815, the U.S. Customs office was located in Kennebunk but with the completion of the new building they moved to Kennebunkport.

In 1812, the amount of tonnage in the District of Kennebunk was 8,552 tons and the amount of customs collected was \$119,850. By 1850, shipping was heavier and in that year the amount of customs collected was over one million dollars on West Indian imports alone. The collector of customs received no regular salary. He did receive 2½% of his collections along with fees for entering and clearing vessels.

In 1913, the District of Kennebunk was abolished and merged with twelve other districts into the District of Portland.

In 1916, the Kennebunkport Library Association was formed and the building was rented from the government. In 1920, when sale of the property was authorized, it was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Abbot Graves who built an addition to the building. On November 14, 1921, the property was deeded to the Library Association provided the library be named for Louis T. Graves, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Abbot Graves. In 1956,

(See Continuation Sheet)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Three Centuries of Custom Houses, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

Pamphlet Concerning the Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport Library Association

United States Treasury Department History of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department. Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office, 1901.

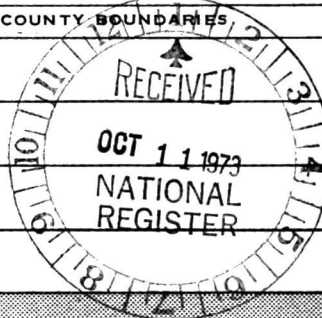
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
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NE	°	'	"	70°	28'	32"
SE	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Patricia A. Potvin, Secretary

ORGANIZATION: **U. S. Customs Service** DATE: **August 9, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
312 Fore Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Portland** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James H. Mundy
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: October 9, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. B. Brewster
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/18/74

ATTEST:
Loyald M. Greenberg
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 1/17/74

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

another addition to the building was added through the generosity of the Rev. Dean Emerson. This new wing houses the Rev. Emerson's 1000 volume collection.

This building has been and remains an important part of the lives of the residents of Kennebunkport. First as a Custom House, it was the hub of all the commercial life in the District of Kennebunk, and now as a library, it is the focal point for educational, cultural, and recreational activities in Kennebunkport.

This small but handsome building, which has played such a great part in the history of the State of Maine, certainly deserves recognition.



PROPERTY United States Custom House STATE Maine

WORKING NUMBER 4.12.73.2782

TECH REVIEW

Photos 2

Maps 1

York

CONTROL REVIEW

cm
5-8-
73

HISTORIAN

Called Dept. of Treasury to notify
& also ASA which is actually
owner of bldg

OK
Accept
5-9-73
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
KH
5-11-73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
5/14/73

KEEPER

OK
5/15

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 7-3-73

Re-submit _____

Entered MAY 17 1973



#1 Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport
View towards the Northeast

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Main Street

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Richard D. Kelly

DATE

9/21/73

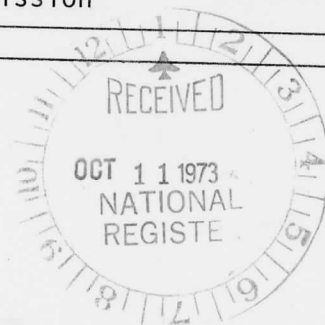
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

#1 View towards the Northeast



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PUBLIC
LIBRARY

LIBRARY
BOOK DROP
FOR ALL BOOKS
AND PAPERS

2 Louis T. Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport
View towards the Southeast

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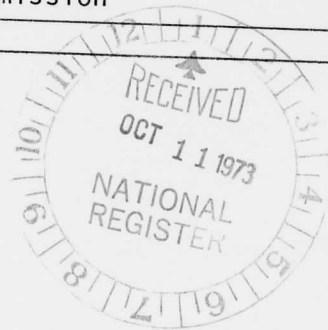
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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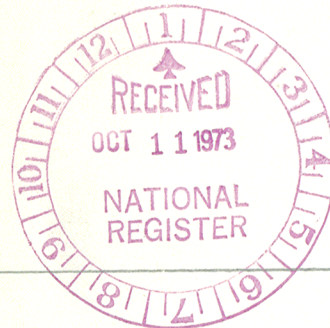
Main Street

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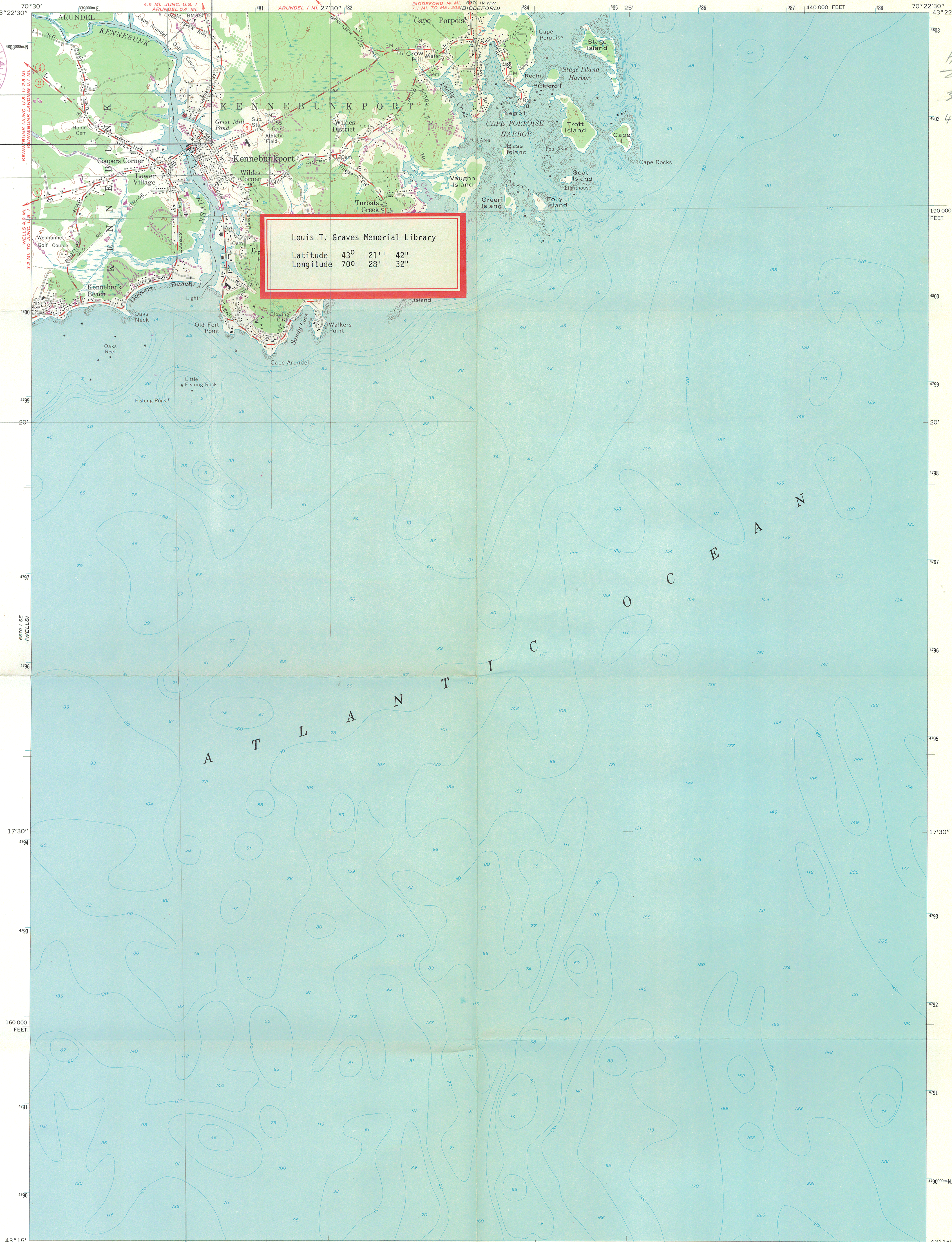
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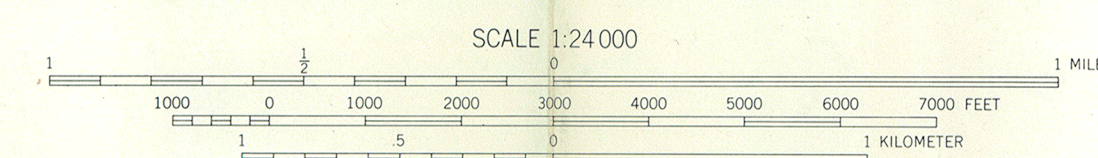
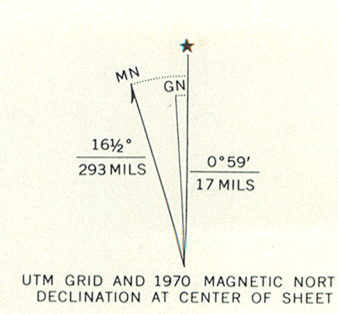


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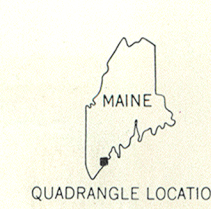


Louis T. Graves Memorial Library
Latitude 43° 21' 42"
Longitude 70° 28' 32"

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1941. Topography enlarged from 1:62 500-scale map of Biddeford quadrangle, 15 minute series. Original map by planimetric surveys 1941. Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1956
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 1205 (1954)
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Maine coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1970. This information not field checked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 8.7 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route ○

KENNEBUNKPORT, ME.
SW/4 BIDDEFORD 15' QUADRANGLE
N4315—W7022.5/7.5

1956
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 6970 IV SW—SERIES V811

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MAINE**

Date Entered **JAN 18 1974**

Name

Location

Connor-Bovie House

**Fairfield
Somerset County**

U.S. Custom House and Post Office

**Waldoboro
Lincoln County**

U.S. Custom House (*Louis T. Graves
Memorial Public Library*)

**Kennebunkport
York County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edmund S. Muskie
Hon. William D. Hathaway
Hon. William S. Cohen
Hon. Peter N. Kyros**

Director, North Atlantic Region

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. James Mundy, Director
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